



Paws *for* Thought

Fall 2021



You
helped
Vincent
find hope
& healing.

Read how
inside.



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from the korner kennel

you sustain us

This 8-page newsletter highlights what we were able to **accomplish, together, 18 months into a pandemic.** From teaching young kittens to trust or giving a wandering stray dog nose-to-tail medical treatment, to

celebrating our donors, volunteers & Team's dedication — the enclosed stories will bring you behind the scenes & reveal the work you ensured continues at Animal Humane!

Each day our Team arrives focused &

determined to care for the pets at our shelter & the pets who will arrive, scheduled or spontaneously, throughout the day as neonates, strays, transfers or owner surrenders.

You make it possible for these pets in need to enter our care, receive comprehensive services & abundant love before departing to begin their new lives!

Thank you for choosing to direct your precious support to Animal Humane, particularly during a pandemic! When surrounded by countless unknowns & ever-shifting circumstances, many out of our control, it was a comfort & a blessing to receive your acknowledgement through written word thanking our Team for their devotion & financial backing for our daily operations.

Our life-saving work never stops because of you.

Thank you for this tremendous privilege!



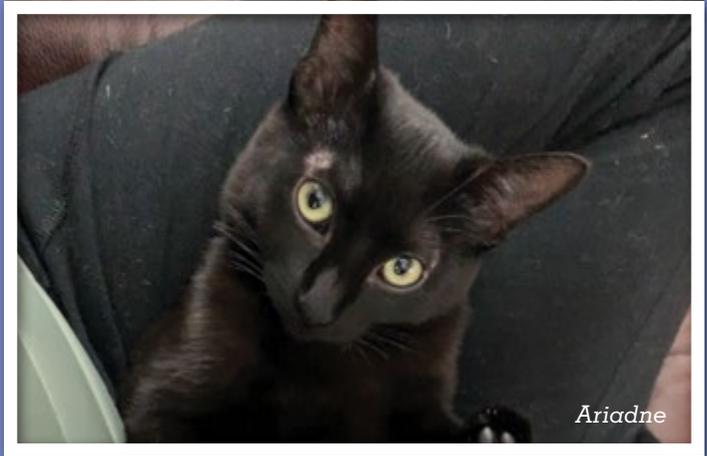
Donna with cat Gladys.

Donna M. Stumpf,
Executive Director

four kittens born in an attic find second chances



Allegro



Ariadne



Abraham



Andromeda

Born in the most unlikely of places, Abraham, Ariadne, Allegro & Andromeda were found in the attic of a shop in Old Town. Wanting to give the 4 felines the best future possible, the shop owner brought them to Animal Humane.

You stepped into their lives & made their second chances possible.

Fortunately, the 4 kittens were physically healthy. But they were paralyzed with fear & unsure how to interact with people. Abraham, Ariadne, Allegro & Andromeda were enrolled in our Behavior Modification program to learn the skills necessary for a successful home placement.



Each day our Team spent time with the kittens offering a gentle touch or a tasty treat to ease their anxieties. Abraham emerged as the leader of the pack modeling appropriate play for his sisters.

Ten days later, however, the shy girls were still struggling to come out of their shells. It was clear the girls needed something different. Your generous support allowed them to go home with an experienced Foster Caregiver for more intense socialization.

Their time in Foster Care significantly improved their confidence — all thanks to you.

The kittens were no longer afraid; instead they were competing for cuddles in their Foster Caregiver's lap.

A month after their initial enrollment, all 4 felines graduated from Behavior Modification. It was crucial for their continued development that each 2-month-old go home with another cat & an adopter who would keep encouraging positive socialization.

They had no trouble meeting their matches! Abraham, Ariadne, Allegro & Andromeda all found families, who like you, were dedicated to ensuring their futures were free from fear & filled with love.



VINCENT from lost to loved

Four-year-old Vincent was found wandering the mesa near Los Lunas, New Mexico. Life as a stray, including poor nutrition, had caused lots of wear & tear on his tired body.

When he arrived at

Animal Humane, Vincent was so thin that his hip bones jutted out & his skin had become thickened & callused from sitting without any normal body fat to cushion the bone.

Further examination at our Donor-subsidized

Veterinary Clinic — an examination made possible through your generosity — revealed his ear flap edges & tail tip were torn & cracked. Vincent's eye was scarred & inflamed from an injury & a

blood clotting disorder, caused by a tick-borne disease, was causing spontaneous bleeding & bruising.

Vincent was in desperate need of care.

Amazingly, Vincent's

PUPDATES & CATCH-UPS

Vincent plays in the dog park during his stay at Animal Humane.



physical distress had no impact on his optimistic demeanor. The American Pit Bull was playful, goofy & cuddly. **He made sure everyone knew he was happy to be found, fed & loved.**

“ Vincent loves & loves big. ”

— Animal Humane Volunteer

His journey back to health began with topical rubs & ointments to soothe his skin. You provided him with a thick, soft bed to help him rest & nutritious meals to help him gain weight. He received antibiotics to treat the tick-borne illness & pain medication to keep him comfortable.

Over the next month, Vincent remained under the compassionate care of our Clinic Team as they patiently waited for him to heal enough for the necessary surgeries. It was an extensive combination of operations — Vincent was neutered, we removed a mass from his left front paw, his bad eye was removed & the damaged end of his tail was amputated.

This big, lovable boy also proved to

be brave & strong as he recovered quickly from the procedures.

With your support, Vincent had overcome so much.

Six weeks after his arrival, Vincent was ready to meet his new family. But, it took several months & multiple trial adoptions for him to find the right fit. Your kindness assured him each day that his patience would pay off.

This summer, it finally did.

Vincent was adopted by a young couple seeking to fill their home with the joy of their very first pet.

"Vincent has been the bestest boy since arriving at his new home," says adopter BeiBei. "He is a total gentleman & loves to nap with us on the couch."

No one knows how long Vincent wandered the street searching for his next meal, trying to find a safe place to sleep & waiting for help to arrive.

But once he arrived at Animal Humane, **you eased his burdens & took his pain away.** Thank you for providing hope & healing to pets like Vincent each & every day.



Happy 1 year Adoptaversary to this little guy!



"Indy's now 6 months & has doubled in size. She's the best dog ever."



"7 years ago we adopted Figaro! He's now WAY too big (& grumpy) to pick up."

Have you adopted a pet from Animal Humane?

Send us an update & photo to PupDate@AnimalHumaneNM.org!

volunteers make all the difference



Terri, dog Leia & Kate enjoying an afternoon walk.

Our life-saving work would not be possible without the hundreds of individuals who selflessly volunteer their time at Animal Humane. During the height of the pandemic it was nearly impossible to have volunteers on our Main Campus & maintain the safety of our pets & Team. However, **two amazing women are credited with keeping our dog walking program alive, Kate & Terri.**

Both Kate & Terri went above & beyond, doubling up on volunteer shifts, creating a virtual dog walking training video & mentoring the new volunteers

that began trickling in when COVID-19 restrictions eased. Their invaluable support over the last year ensured dogs, like Leia, were never without essential exercise & socialization.

In fall 2020, we were thrilled to welcome volunteers of all types back to our Main Campus & Thrift Shop.

Our Volunteer Team is actively recruiting for many open positions, including dog walking, cat socializing, Foster Care, Clinic support & much more. If you've been considering adding time with homeless & at-risk pets to your schedule, today is the day to become a volunteer.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a volunteer, email our Volunteer Coordinator at NewVolunteer@AnimalHumaneNM.org

fur-ever in our *hearts*

We have had dogs all our lives. They are members of our family. **When we got married many years ago, one of the first things we did was adopt a dog from the shelter.** His name was Raja & he was an amazing friend & companion.

Raja grew up with our sons & provided them with an opportunity to learn how to care for

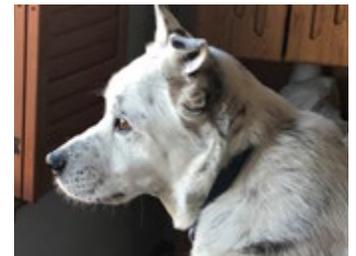
an animal. They are both dog lovers & have continued the tradition of rescuing shelter pets.

When we lost our dog Danny, who came from Animal Humane, we could not imagine ever having another dog we would love so much. But, then came our Blue Heeler, Joey. He is our sixth dog & our lives would not be the same

without him. When we went to Animal Humane 6 years ago, he crawled into our laps & took over our hearts.

It is because of the unconditional love we have received from all our dogs who have been rescues, that we decided to put Animal Humane New Mexico in our will.

It brings great joy to



know future pets will be provided for in some small way the same way ours were. We know our money will be well spent & others will receive the joy of unconditional love from their adopted fur babies.

— Louise & Kodi

To learn more about including Animal Humane in your will, or planning for pets beyond your lifetime, contact Stephanie Miller, Director of Major Gifts, at 505.938.7919 or StephanieM@AnimalHumaneNM.org

Dog Duncan learns alongside Animal Humane's Team



Duncan with
Civilized Canine
partner, Mariah.

Congratulations Duncan! Duncan was one of 8 dogs who took part in the first ever **Civilized Canine Class** offered for **Animal Humane Team Members & shelter dogs this spring.**

The 1½-year-old Australian Cattle Dog participated in Civilized Canine under the guidance of his handler & Donor Relations Associate, Mariah. Once a week for 5 weeks, Duncan worked one-on-one with Mariah, alongside 5 other canine-staff teams, learning good manners to aid in his adoption.

"Duncan struggled with reactivity while on leash & Mariah helped him immensely," says Jessica, our Shelter Behavior Manager & Civilized Canine Instructor.

"Duncan & Mariah demonstrated a beautiful loose-leash walk & graduated together!"

While we've offered Civilized Canine classes to the public for years, allowing our Team to take the class with adoptable dogs in need is a new initiative. **One made possible by your valuable support.** They truly make a tremendous difference for long-term residents like Duncan.

Each session gives our resident dogs more time out of their kennels, while exercising their bodies & minds. The classes help ensure that our canine friends have a solid base for continued training once they are in a home. It also offers a fun way for staff to mix & mingle, while honing their

dog handling skills & learning more about the science of dog behavior.

Eight weeks after his graduation, Duncan passed another major milestone — he was adopted! To sweeten the deal, Duncan's wonderful family also took home his canine playgroup friend, Blueberry. The best buds enjoy exploring their new family's 6 acres together.

Our first round of graduates proved this course was a success & our Behavior Team plans to host many more sessions in the future.

Thank you for providing this unique opportunity for canines in our care!

FUR THE RECORD

Puppies & kittens in Foster Care rely on recycled newspaper for their bathroom needs. Pets under 16-weeks-old, who are not fully vaccinated, can't go outside. By providing newspaper, they are protected from infectious diseases that live in the soil & environment like parvo, distemper & intestinal parasites. Our newspaper stock is currently low, but you can help! Donate your old newspapers to Animal Humane to keep our youngest pets happy & healthy.

how to help pets this holiday season



Snowball
Adopted from
Animal Humane

The holidays are right around the corner & no one is more deserving of gifts than the cats & dogs at Animal Humane. As you prepare for family meals, out of town visits & choosing the purr-fect present for your loved one, please consider these ways you can make a difference for pets in need.

let your pups play while you are away

Going on a holiday trip or simply need a free afternoon to finish your shopping? Send your dog to Day Play or an overnight stay at The Center at Animal Humane.

Visit TheCenter.AnimalHumaneNM.org to view rates & make an appointment.

buy gifts at our Thrift Shop

Open 7 days a week, our Thrift Shop provides a vital revenue stream for our shelter. Your thrifty shopping is also eco-friendly — helping the earth as well as pets in need.

shop our Wish Lists

Make a shelter pet's wishes come true. Search for Animal Humane New Mexico on Amazon's Lists & Registries or email our Donor Relations Team at Development@AnimalHumaneNM.org for a digital copy of our shelter's current needs.

honor someone special

Warm someone's heart this winter by making a donation in their honor or memory. We'll send a beautiful card or you can select a lovely e-card when you give online.

other ways to make a difference

Learn more about donating stock, donating through your IRA or Donor-Advised Fund or doubling your donation through employer matching by visiting our website: AnimalHumaneNM.org/Donate.

2021

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1,870

Total
Adoptions

457

Pets in
Foster Care

83

Pets
Receiving
Behavior
Support

2,246

Total
Surgeries
including
Spay/Neuter

Numbers reflect 2021 year-to-date statistics.



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